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Dear Sirs and Madam:

The level of consumer awareness of food products has been steadily on the rise in the last few years. Due to this raised awareness organic foods are in great demand, and many are reading labels and shopping in health food stores. I believe this is not just a trend but a permanent change in the way people approach food.

To remove the labeling of irradiated foods would severely hamper the public's ability to make informed choices about the products they buy and eat. This is one of the most basic rights of every human being. I believe if the labeling is removed, many companies will begin advertising "non-radiated food" on their labels.

I do not believe labeling food causes any level of panic or anxiety in the public. I do believe it leads people to a healthy inquiry of the type of processes their foods go through. If people are educated on the actual process of irradiation, then they will be able to make sound choices for themselves and their families.

Please allow people a chance to have the information they need to make decisions on the foods they buy and eat. Please continue clear and prominent labeling of all irradiated food and food products.

Thank You,
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